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S. 2779

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2008

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION.**

4 (a) LIMITATION ON FUNDS.—Section 409(b) of the
5 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30
6 U.S.C. 1239(b)) is amended by inserting “or section
7 411(h)(1)” after “section 402(g)”.

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 411(h)(1)(D)(ii) of the
2 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30
3 U.S.C. 1240a(h)(1)(D)(ii)) is amended by inserting “or
4 409” after “section 403”.

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